

Amendments to the Abstract:

Please amend the Abstract as follows.

An electronic money information transaction system reliably enables the payment of electronic money through a communication line. The system includes a terminal device and carries out an electronic money information transacting method. An external information processor is operated to connect ~~the same~~ it through a switch and a MODEM to a host apparatus. The external information processor is operated to enter the product number of a desired product, and then the host apparatus sends information about electronic money information indicating an amount of money necessary for purchasing the product and such to a control unit. The control unit provides a control signal to instruct the switch to select a data processing unit. The data processing unit reads electronic money information indicating the amount of money from an IC card. The electronic money information is transferred through the switch, the MODEM and the communication line to the host apparatus.